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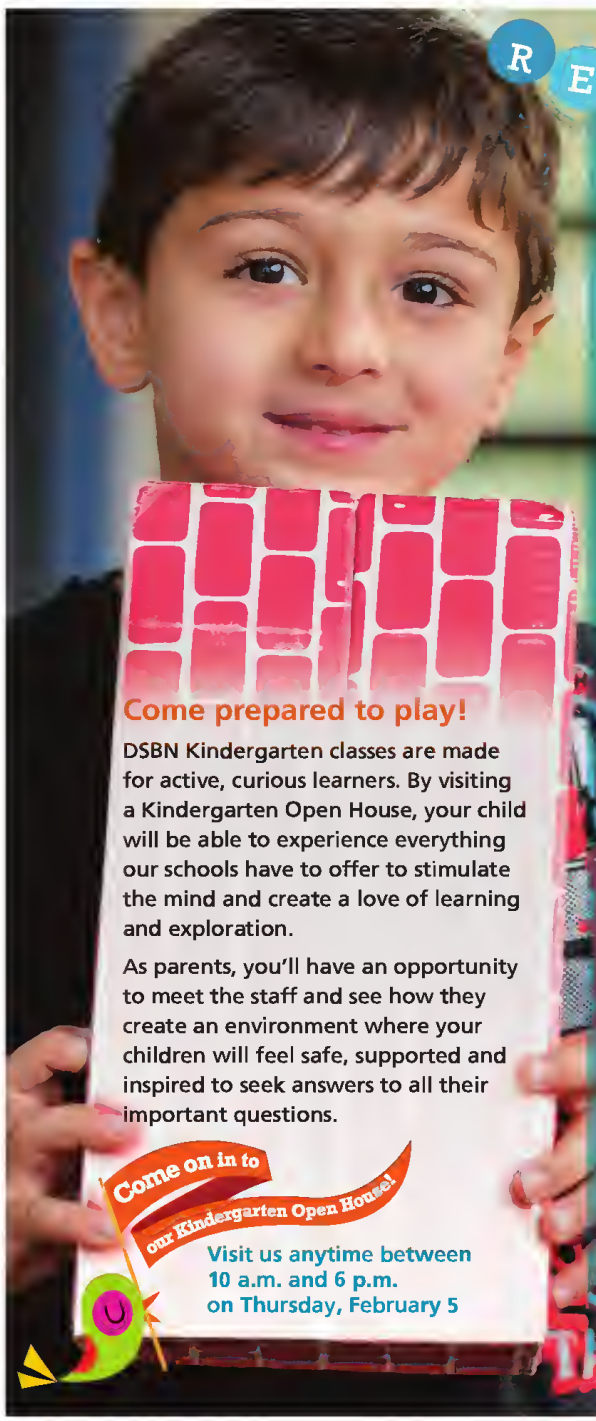

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Up in smoke

HARRY ROSETTANI Special to The Times

A driver was uninjured after her car ignited in flames Tuesday morning. Niagara Regional Police Const. Phil Gavin said police and the Fort Erie Fire Department responded to a call for a car on fire in the area of Jarvis St. and Central Ave. Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. "Traffic was shut down as the fire was attended to," Gavin said. "We believe that a mechanical problem started the fire."

Salvation Army surpasses fundraising goal thanks to community support

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Elliott Innes is "absolutely flabbergasted" at the amount of support the community has given to the Fort Erie Salvation Army's kettle campaign in the final days leading up to Christmas.

After some "number crunching" last week, Innes, the Salvation Army's manager, said the organization surpassed its goal of $62,000 and raised over $63,000.

Halfway through the holiday fundraiser, Innes said volunteers were worried because the kettle campaign hadn't reached its halfway mark.

"We were absolutely prepared and were about to move forward with our contingency plan," Innes said.

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Fundraiser to benefit infant battling life threatening disease

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

He is only two months old, but Fort Erie's Matthew Benjamin James Marley is already forced to fight for his life.

"Matthew was born with Severe combined immune deficiency which means he is was born without an immune system," Matthew's aunt, Lori Hodgetts said.

Matthew is kept in a sterile environment and given antibiotics "to keep him well." He requires a bone marrow transplant to survive and is fortunate to have found a match.

"He's such a little peanut," Hodgetts said about her nephew. "It just doesn't seem right because right now he seems so healthy and happy but it's because of the antibiotics he is receiving."

The infant has been moved to Toronto Sick Kids where he will begin his road to recovery.

"Matthew will receive eight days of chemotherapy to kill his bone marrow and on his last day of treatment he will take the bone marrow transplant," Hodgetts said. "At that point, it becomes a waiting game to see whether his body accepts or rejects the bone marrow."

Doctors will monitor Matthew's progress after the his bone marrow transplant. If his body begins to produce enough of its own T-cells, Matthew can be discharged from the hospital.

But Matthew and his parents, Donna and Matthew, and sister, Avaia, will have stay at Ronald McDonald House so his progress can be monitored by his doctors.

"Matthew will need daily testing for three to four months after his bone marrow transplant," Hodgetts said. "If the tests are positive, Matthew will be tested every two weeks and eventually once a month as he gets stronger."

The hope is that Matthew will be able to return to his home with his family in Fort Erie.

Family and friends have rallied together to help Matthew's family pay for living expenses they will incur while the infant is in the hospital.

"The family will have to move up to Sick Kids and maintain their home in Fort Erie while having to live at Ronald McDonald House," Hodgetts said.

The Saving Baby Matthew fundraiser will be held on Saturday, Feb. 28 at the Italo Canadian Club in Fort Erie.

The event, which will be held between 6 p.m. and midnight, features a DJ, karaoke, food, prizes and games. Tickets are $5.

Hodgetts said her family has "lived through the harsh reality" that Matthew may not survive. About 10 years ago, Matthew's older brother Benjamin died from the same disease.

"(Benjamin) was a year and two weeks old when he died."

Thanks to research, Hodgetts said Matthew's chance of survival is 85%, which is significantly better than it was for his older brother.

"With the research that has been done and the testing they do early in an infant's life, it's better. They knew when Matthew was two days old that he had the disease," Hodgetts said. "Because doctors know more about the disease, Matthew is going into the hospital healthier than his brother ever was."

Hodgetts hopes members of the community will support Matthew by attending the fundraiser in his honour.

"It's such a little life, and everybody deserves a fighting chance. The family is rallying to save this little guy," Hodgetts said.

"We don't want to lose this one. We need to fight through it and give the family all the support they can while they stand by their son who is fighting for his life."

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Who: Friends and family of Matthew Marley

What: Hosting the Saving Baby Matthew Fundraiser. Tickets are $5.

When: Saturday, Feb. 28 from 6 p.m. to midnight

Where: Italo Canadian Club, 1101 DiPietro St., Fort Erie

Why: To raise funds to support Matthew's family as he undergoes treatment for Severe Combined Immune Deficiency.

For more information about the event call Lori Hodgetts at 905-329-5214 or Nino D'Ambra or Maria Costa at 905-871-6886.

Special to The Times

Matthew Marley was two days old when he was diagnosed with Severe combined Immune deficiency, a disease that affects the body's immune system. Family and friends are hosting a fundraising for Matthew to help his family pay for living expenses while he receives treatment at Toronto Sick Kids.

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Niagara wins the War of 1812 again

Ray Spiteri
QMI Agency Niagara

The cannons, muskets and swords have been put away.

As have the red and blue coats.

So, was the five years of planning worth it?

Was the more than $15 million that went towards infrastructure and programming support money well spent?

The Niagara 1812 Legacy Council, the superintendent of heritage for the Niagara Parks Commission and a senior member of the federal government that forked over a good chunk of that cash say an unequivocal yes.

"It definitely was a success," says Brian Merrett, chief executive officer for the council, which was created in 2007 as a cross-border, nonprofit organization to increase public awareness and participation in the bicentennial of the War of 1812.

"You have to ask yourself: What did we set out to do? We set out to increase awareness of the War of 1812 and to increase awareness of how important the War of 1812 was to our region and to our country.

"I think we succeeded in doing that."

Merrett says the council never considered condensing the bicentennial celebrations and doesn't believe the public became worn down by countless commemorative events that were held from 2012 through 2014.

"We did it in an appropriate way. We never considered doing it all at once. We followed the calendar and it was the right thing to do."

He says attendance at battle reenactments and at heritage sites were "way up" in 2012, 2013 and 2014. More visitors came from the Greater Toronto Area and New York State and the number of hits on the council's website was also "an indication of widespread support."

He says the bicentennial celebrations received international media attention, such as in the Wall Street Journal and the New York Times.

Millions of dollars were spent to make improvements to sites such as Old Fort Erie, Laura Secord Homestead and Niagara Falls History Museum in preparation for the multi-year bicentennial celebration.

Federal, provincial, regional and municipal money supported symposiums, battle reenactments and allowed various local groups to get involved. Sponsorships and corporate donations also helped to make the bicentennial a success, says Merrett.

Jim Hill, superintendent of heritage for the Niagara Parks Commission, says he was surprised by how many more people attended annual battle reenactments during the bicentennial years.

For example, Hill says the reenactment of the Battle of Queenston Heights in 2007 saw 300 reenactors and 1,000 spectators attend. In 2012, 900 reenactors registered, while an estimated 15,000 people visited the grounds throughout the day.

"We thought people would get 1812'd out, but that didn't seem to be the case," says Hill, who narrated some of the battle reenactments.

"For the Siege of Fort Erie in August (2014), we had 1,100 reenactors -- we usually have 650 -- and we had double the number of spectators we normally get.

"The story line kept changing and more people were becoming aware of what happened in their community."

He says Niagara faced a unique challenge. While a lot of regions in North America were able to commemorate the bicentennial in 10 days, which matched those regions' involvement in the war 200 years ago, "it didn't last 10 days in Niagara, it lasted 30 months basically."

Hill says the work that was done during the bicentennial will allow Niagara's heritage sites to continue to grow in popularity.

"We have put these places in a good position to have their incredible, dramatic stories roove on into the next century. It was a gift to the people of Niagara and Canada."

Niagara Falls MP Rob Nicholson says the millions of dollars the federal government spent on the bicentennial was a "tremendous investment because of the importance the war played in Canadian history.

"It was a defining moment. It separated us from our neighbours to the south," he says, adding it also signalled the beginning of 200 years of peace between Canada and the United States.

Nicholson says he liked the way the celebrations rolled out. He says he will never forget the 200th anniversary of the Laura Secord walk in 2013, where he was joined by the prime minister's wife, or the 200th anniversary celebration at the Battle of Lundy's Lane in 2014.

"These spectacular events will forever stand out in people's minds."

There is one roore signature bicentennial reenactment planned: The signing of the Treaty of Ghent, scheduled for Feb. 17. A procession will take place at 2 p.m. from St. Mark's Church in Niagara-on-the-Lake to the Niagara-on-the-Lake courthouse.

A peace treaty was signed at Ghent and was ratified by the British parliament in December 1814. But due to the era's slow communication, it took weeks for news of the peace treaty to reach the U.S. Battles continued until the treaty was ratified by the U.S. Senate in February 1815.

There will be other small bicentennial celebrations through August on both sides of the border.

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Bank evacuated following high CO reading

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

The Bank of Montreal in Fort Erie was closed Friday afternoon so firefighters could conduct a carbon monoxide investigation.

The Fort Erie Fire Department responded to a call for high levels of carbon monoxide at 61 Jarvis St., at 3:30 p.m.

Five bank employees were evacuated from the building as a precaution while firefighters investigated.

"No one was reported sick," said fire Chief Larry Coplen. "They (the bank) had a high metre reading for carbon monoxide so we just wanted to check to see what the problem was."

Coplen said firefighters found an "issue with a furnace of the roof of the building" and the building was "closed for the rest of the day."

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SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

The Fort Erie Fire Department responded to a call for high levels of carbon monoxide at the Bank of Montreal at 61 Jarvis St. Friday afternoon. Fire Chief Larry Coplen said no employees were reported ill but there were high readings of carbon monoxide which were caused by a problem with a furnace on the roof.

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DSBN asks town to kick in funding for theatre and library

The District School Board of Niagara has asked the Town of Fort Erie to kick in $3.7 million to fund a shared library and theatre for the town's future high school which is set to open in September 2017.

If Fort Erie council votes to finance either project, it could impact property taxes.

A report brought to council on Jan. 12 outlined ways for the Town to fund the project which includes borrowing money, applying for grants, fundraising, or raising property taxes.

If the Town of Fort Erie finances a library, that could mean a 1% increase in the tax levy in 2015, 2016, and 2017 to raise $645,000 to pay for the project.

Should the Town choose to fund a theatre, property taxes would need to be increased by 5% each year for the next three years.

The DSBN doesn't require the funds until the spring of 2017, which allows "an opportunity to spread the financial loading on the budget," according to the report issued by town staff.

Council is expected to make a decision about whether or not to support the projects after hearing comments from the public during an open house that was held at town hall on Tuesday evening.

Fort Erie recognizes Crime Stoppers of Niagara Week

The Town of Fort Erie will celebrate Crime Stoppers of Niagara Week from Jan. 25 to 31.

A special flag raising ceremony will be held at Town Hall Friday and the Crime Stoppers flag will be on display all week.

Crime Stoppers is a non-profit organization that provides citizens with the opportunity to anonymously share knowledge of crime or potential crime with police.

Cash rewards are offered to tipsters who call Crime Stoppers and their information leads to an arrest.

For more information about Crime Stoppers visit online at www.canadiancrimestoppers.org or report a crime by calling 1-800-222-8477.

Literacy tutors needed in Fort Erie

The Adult Literacy Council of Greater Fort Erie needs tutors.

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The non-profit organization is holding four free training workshops at the Fort Erie Public Library.

The workshops will be held on Feb. 21 and Feb. 28 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Feb. 24 and March 3 from 6 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.

Attendance on all four days are required for certification.

No experience is necessary but volunteers must be 19 years or older, love to read and have a desire to help others.

Please register by Feb. 12 by calling 905-871-9621 or send an e-mail to info@literacyforterie.ca.

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Do You Remember?

Although we've not received any calls about last week's photo taken at a blood donor clinic, we have had several people call in to let us know many of the people in previous photos.

Our thanks to Marie Leach for writing in about the Dec. 25 photo of the two skaters whom she identified as Margaret Cave and her daughter Julie.

We were happy to hear from a brother and sister who were in our Jan. 8 photo of the four hockey players.

The two skaters in front were from left: David Collison and his sister Brenda (Collison) Korten. This photo was taken in 1974 at Black Creek in Stevensville.

We learned the names of many of the javex bottle curlers from a very sharp eyed Melissa (Laroque) Puchalski. The boy on the left side of the photo, looking at the camera is Chris Miller. Then starting at the centre back, the smiling girl standing up behind Allen Stoddard is Christine Rogers. Kneeling and just about to the hurl the jug is Scott Healey. Continuing along the right hand side of the spectators: Judy Booth is the girl in the white hat clapping her hands together; Jackie Beintema is the girl with the hood and long scarf; Marie Ward is looking at the camera wearing a two tone toque, while barely visible to her right is Marcey Bond. Kathleen Stouffer is to the left of Marie and Terry Moore is on Kathleen's left. The boy closest to the camera, looking down at the jugs is Mike Tang and the boy to his right is most likely Bob Page.

This week's photo celebrates Sir John A. Macdonald's 200th birthday. He, of course, is the figure second from the left. Do you know anyone else in this photo or where it was taken? If so, please call the Fort Erie Historical Museum at 905-894-5322 or e-mail us at museum@forterie.on.ca.

letters to the editor

Council should appoint person to represent Ward 2

Dear Editor,

It has come to my attention through the media that the newly elected council has come to an ill considered decision to fill the Ward 2 vacant councillor position upon the passing of Rick Shular against the advice of Town staff at its Council-in-Commitee meeting of 12 Jan. 2015.

In the 2014 election, councillors ran on their plank of fiscal responsibility and their decision to hold a byelection for the vacancy would cost an estimated $42,109 which has not been budgeted for as outlined in a report brought to council.

This is a very expensive and time consuming decision and goes against their claim of being "fiscally responsible" especially when the Town is being asked to "pony up" $3.7 million for the new high school library and theatre which would increase taxes by 5% or so.

Historically such vacancies have been filled by the "runner up" as outlined in table one of said report.

This would give council their full quota of councillors and cost nothing.

The report brought to council summarizes the financial and staffing implications.

It appears the newbies have learned nothing from the fiascoes of previous council in wasting tax dollars.

I would strongly recommend that council reconsider their decision and appoint Mr. John Mollicone, the runner up if he is willing to serve.

Steve Burak
Fort Erie

Pajamas for kids

Special to The Times

The Queen of Clubs held its annual PJ's For Kids Euchre Night in December at the Fort Erie Golf Club and collected 85 pairs of pajamas and 90 sets of hats and gloves for children up to 13 years old. From left are Marilyn O'Neill, Wendy Gibson, Fort Erie Salvation Army manager Elliott Innes, Cindy Francis and Joan Dube.

opinion page

Bowen Road women share expertise on knitting

Two of the most popular pastimes for children and tweens are building with Legos and creating with Rainbow Loom.

Today at 3:30 p.m. at the Stevensville branch, we are combining these two terrific activities.

Whether it's the Rainbow Loom or Lego or both that inspires you, we've got what you need to make it. If you have your own loom, please bring it along.

Registration is not required. There is a $2 fee. All ages are welcome.

Younger ages may need parental assistance with the Rainbow Loom.

Another rewarding hobby is knitting, and all ages can take advantage of guidance from the ladies of the Bowen Road Women's Institute, who share their expertise and heritage in two free public programs.

Amy Roebuck
Fort Erie Public Library

All young people who would like to learn knitting are welcome to visit the Crystal Ridge branch of the library on Thursday evenings.

Teens and adults are invited to the Centennial branch on Tuesday evenings. Both sessions begin at 6:30 p.m. They will provide all the needles and yarn needed—you bring your curiosity.

This year's Academy Award leader, "Boyhood" will have a special screening on Saturday afternoon beginning at 1:30 p.m. at the Crystal Ridge branch. Filmed over twelve years with the same cast, Richard Linklater's work is a groundbreaking story of growing up as seen through the eyes of a child named Mason, played by Ellar Coltrane, who literally grows up on screen. Starring Ethan Hawke and Patricia Arquette as Mason's parents, "Boyhood" charts the rocky terrain of childhood like no other film has before. Please note that this film is nearly three hours long, and will be shown with an intermission.

It's time to shoot some hoops! Centennial branch will host a free basketball videogame tournament on Saturday, beginning at 10:15 with bracketing. NBA 2K 15 is the game of choice for Xbox and PS 3. Sign up today for your favourite team.

Stories for 2s and 3s will be offered at all three library branches during the coming week. In Stevensville on Monday beginning at 10:45 a.m., and at 10:30 a.m. at the Centennial branch on Tuesday and Crystal Ridge on Wednesday, children and their caregivers can enjoy reading, writing, talking, singing and playing, the five fundamental skills that get children ready to read! These sessions are designed for children ages 1.5 and up, and there is no charge at this time.

The Family Literacy Day Spelling Bee, sponsored jointly by the library and the Adult Literacy Council of Greater Fort Erie, will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 28 beginning at 6:30 p.m. Spellers in grades 3 – 8 should sign in between 6:00 and 6:30 p.m. Enjoy an evening of fun and challenge—and spelling. Word lists are on the library website www.fepl.ca; registration can be made at any branch or by phone.

There is no charge to enter or to watch, and family and friends, teachers and well-wishers are all encouraged to come out to cheer on the spellers!

Amy Roebuck is the Community Services Coordinator at the Fort Erie Public Library.

New high school has 'economic benefits'

This past month, Regional Council received the first draft of its Economic road map entitled Looking Out To Focus In Fostering an Environment for Economic Prosperity.

The Action Plan, as it should be, is results driven and includes four key measures that will inevitably be an indicator of how well Niagara is performing.

They include employment growth, building permit growth (investment), regional population growth and an increase in the number of new business in Niagara.

Besides the usual burning platform issues, it speaks to innovative ways to address some of our challenges.

Transportation, electricity and utility costs, skills shortages, regional clusters, foreign trade zones and developing economic partnerships in the private and not-for-profit sectors.

Sandy Annunziata

It is a fluid document. Which means, like Economic Development itself, it is never static and always changing. I encourage all stakeholders to give feedback.

One of Fort Erie's largest construction projects, a new high school, is one step closer to becoming a reality.

A name has been chosen, land has been purchased and a new Principal given the challenge of preparing Fort Erie's future leaders.

Congratulations Mr. Loews, a better individual to lead our students could not have been chosen.

Rather than debate the merits of the new location and the accompanying closures, those were the decisions of a previous Council in consultation with the District School Board of Niagara, I think it provides a moment for Fort Erie to celebrate and also challenges us to embrace the potential economic benefits.

Yes, I said building a new high school presents economic benefits.

Under normal circumstances there wouldn't be involvement from a municipal or regional Council with respect to provincial-based curriculum.

It is outside Council's mandate.

But I will suggest, from an economic development perspective, the moment the DSBN engaged the Town of Fort Erie to provide funding for elements of the build-out with respect to a new library and auditorium and performing arts facility, they inevitably opened the door to have a conversation about what our investment in education could look like and perhaps a chance to discuss issues that currently plague Fort Erie. Specifically skill shortages.

If we are willing to invest in a portion of the physical build-out of a new high school, should we not be looking first at opportunities for curriculum reform, in as much as we can influence it, by having a conversation about what that investment will look like and ultimately produce?

Is there an opportunity to engage our partners in industry, labour, non-profits, education institutions and governments and be part of a potential new learning model that utilizes high skills apprenticeships and industrial mentors that might prepare our students, those who choose not to pursue post secondary education, for success in specific fields identified in emerging markets?

Lets have a conversation about what a classroom in 2020 looks like.

One that will meet the demands of students preparing for their place in a new global economy that is trending towards technology and high skill trades.

Classrooms that are specialized and perhaps require specific design elements and technical specifications not normally associated with an everyday classroom and not easily retro-fitted at an affordable cost.

Who knows, perhaps one that can host flight simulators and robotic technology and that can house the requirements for delivering innovative programs that prepare our children for success.

We know there are high skilled manufacturing jobs available.

We know there is a skills shortage in Niagara.

We know a lot of those jobs and careers are in the aerospace industry that Fort Erie is home too.

Having that conversation seems like a natural fit—especially in the context of holding on to our best and brightest.

Sandy Annunziata
Regional councillor representing Fort Erie.

Sanctuary hosts Lifetree Cafe and children's acting classes

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Nadine Pizzicarola

The holidays have wrapped up and yet it feels like forever ago.

And now I have to almost pinch myself realizing we are already half way through January 2015.

My new motto for this futureristique sounding year is to reflect positiveness by engaging and enjoying in all that this life has to offer.

Now as we are all trying to relax and rub our sore muscles from all the snow shovelling, let me tell you what is going on.

First up, we'd like to say congratulations to our lovely Lindsay and her family to their cute little baby boy. Nicely done.

We'd like to welcome Pastor Dave and his group The Journey – a unique faith community – back to The Sanctuary offering three different events.

Pastor Dave invites everyone to The Lifetree Café on Tuesdays at 8:15 p.m. to be part of an hourlong conversation filled with interesting stories and fascinating people.

Refreshments and snacks are provided free of charge.

LifeGroup will be exploring "The Journey" in a small group cafe style setting on Thursdays at 8 pm.

LifeTogether on Sundays at 11 a.m. gives room to worship and explore faith and how it applies to modern life.

For more information about these three events visit www.thejourneyridgeway.ca.

Would you like to learn how to create your own acrylic paintings?

Check out The Adult Acrylic Painting Art Class starting on Thursday, January 22 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 am. The class will run until Feb. 26 and cost $90. Please email the Fort Erie Arts Council (forterieartscouncil@gmail.com) to register.

The kids theatre group Down The Rabbit Hole Theatre Co will be starting new classes on Feb. 23.

The kidlet class for children 6 to 9 will run from 4:45 p.m. to 5:45 p.m., while the Tweens class for children between 10 to 14 will be held from 7 pm to 8 pm. Register your child today by emailing downtherabbitholetheatreco@gmail.com or take advantage of the following registration dates:

Jan. 26, Feb. 2 and 9 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Ten classes will cost $100 if registered by February 9 or $120 after said date.

Just a quick reminder on upcoming shows.

On March 7, we will welcome Jane's Party and guest back to our stage.

Ashley MacIsaac will do what he does best - playing the fiddle rather heavenly on March 27.

Feeling Latin rhythms calling you? Mark April 11 in your calendar. The amazingly talented and multiple Latin Grammy winner Alex Cuba will make you dance your socks off.

Tickets for all three shows are on sale at www.ticketscene.ca, Brimstone Brewing Company and Trailside Bar and Grill in Ridgeway.

I will provide you with more information about these shows closer to their dates.

In the meantime hold your fingers crossed, please. We are working on some shows we think you'd enjoy.

Please visit our website www.thesanctuaryarts.org for more information to all events and classes.

Nadine Pizzicarola is a member of the Sanctuary Centre for the Arts.

From the gardener's journal: 'The green house is the best place to be this time of the year'

Ruth Vold Markle
Special to The Times

A little while ago I observed the beauty of winter sunsets but this past week with insomnia my portion, I have enjoyed the gorgeous quality of the winter sunrise.

The golden and pink of the clear sunrise can lift even the faintest heart!.

Have you enjoyed the white snow of the past week? Some years ago I began collecting red dogwood branches to place in containers and also some red dogwood shrubs to grow so I would have colour in the winter.

This week they were all covered in snow layers for a day. So much for the colour idea. Now that we have had a bit of melt, the colour is visible again.

The best place to be is the greenhouse at this time of year.

A little too early to begin vegetable seeds, but so pleasurable to mingle with all the tropical flowering hibiscus, begonia, geraniums and the greenery that needs the humidity.

I so appreciate the students that help out. They bring life and cheer and knowledge to the care of these plants.

If we have success in the spring at our plant sales, it is largely due to these faithful and untiring students. Thanks for all the help!

Of course this is my time of year to be reading and preparing for spring planting.

We spoke of seed catalogues and the seed sharing that occurs. This week I thought I would give some planting history and related ideas.

After some development the 'gregorian calendar' is well used to track the phases of the moon today.

Some prefer to use the 'zodiac calendar' for planting and seeding. I think we can learn from a variety of sources, it is wise to be aware of traditions and new developments in botanics. So here are some thoughts that will shorten the winter and turn our thoughts to spring and new growth.

According to the Zodiac calendar we are heading into the season of Aquarius, the Waterman from Jan. 20 to Feb. 18. Traditionally this would be the time to harvest root crops (in the warmer climes) and a good time, so the thinking is, to destroy pests.

The new moon arrives on Jan. 20 and with it comes the north wind until the full moon of Feb. 3.

These are predictions and I hope there will be some flex in those north winds.

The ancients followed the moon phases for planting and irrigation.

We tend in northern areas to wait for this use until we can grow outside. But there is a cycle to plant life.

I can see it in the greenhouse as the buds are beginning already on the raspberry canes even though it is too cold to place them outside.

Some of the flowering tropicals that looked a little tired just before Christmas have perked up again. and are showing signs of new buds. In theory and in practise for some this would be the time to cultivate new growth from these tree like tropicals.

It would be the proper time to divide ivies and other vine family plants, the time to stimulate new growth.

The seeds begun last week for the herb garden are showing a fine green growth. I must remember: don't let them get too wet or they will rot before they are sturdy. I have propagated one of our larger houseplants, the 'swiss cheese' philodendron in the hopes of more plants to share. So if the 'older and wiser' are correct, to win over pests and to propagate and replant in this season would be perfect. I'll let you know how we do following these ideas.

As winter sets in a little I thought I would share a warming recipe that you can share with friends and family on cold nights maybe by candlelight.

Oklahoma Pecan Pie (from Louise R'otte)

1 unbaked 9" deep dish pie shell
3 eggs slightly beaten
1/2 cup sugar
1 cup corn syrup(1/2 light, 1/2 dark)
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/8 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons melted butter or margarine
1 cup pecans chopped

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Perforate the pie shell. Mix ingredients in order given, making sure pecans are well coated--this gives them a lovely glossy appearance. Fill pie shell and place on cookie sheet in the oven. Bake 40 minutes. Cool and cover with whipped cream topping, if desired...just before serving.

I hope you are able to enjoy the treats and enforced resting that winter brings. Stay warm & well and safe. Until next time, keep growing.

Ruth Vold Markle is a member of the Fort Erie Horticulture Society.

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2014: How hot was it?

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), last year was the hottest in Earth's recorded history (since 1880). Here's a look at some of the temperature anomolies around the globe.

January to December 2014, departure from 1981-2010 average temperature

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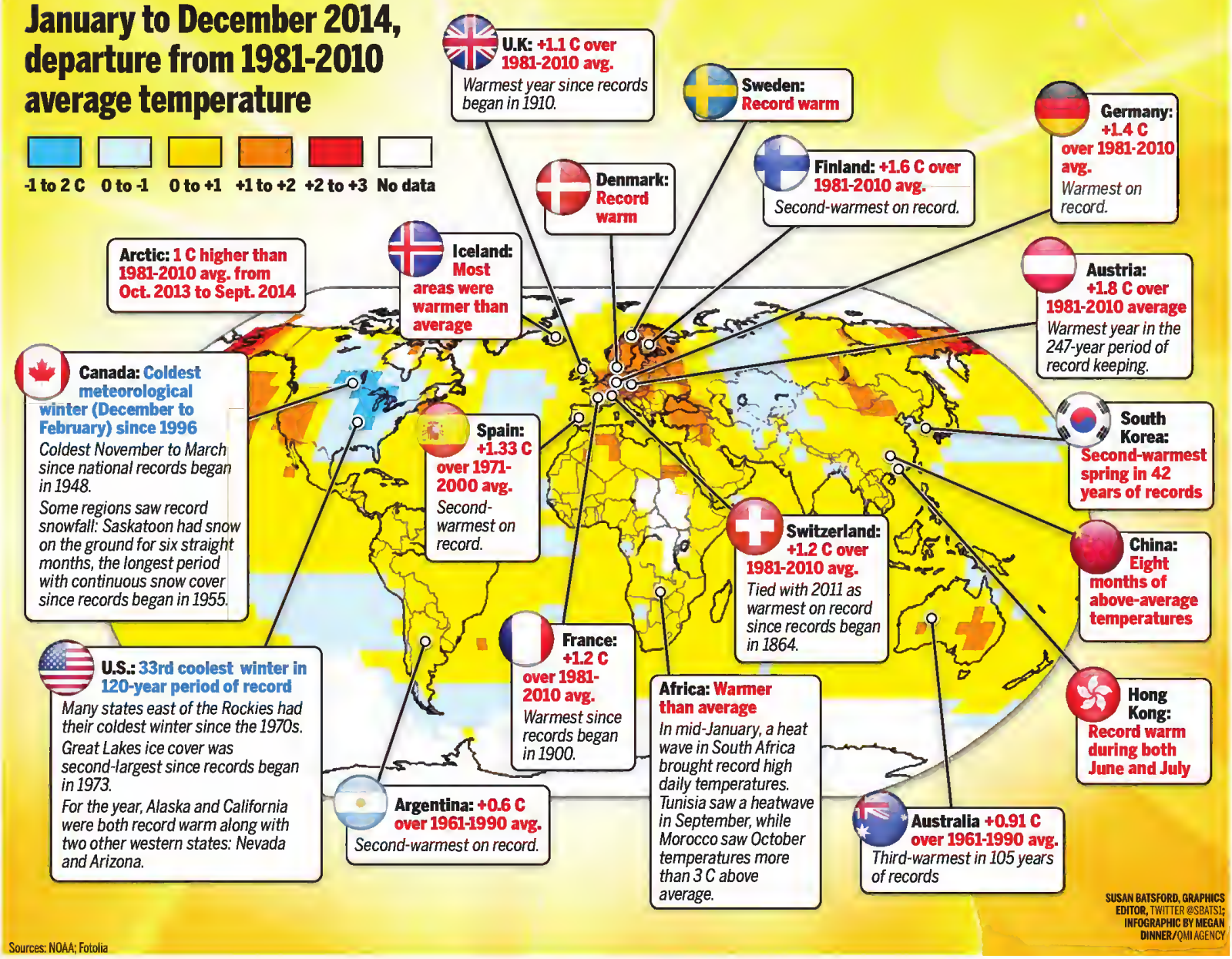

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Find help to manage your chronic pain

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Managing chronic pain can be overwhelming but there is help for people who are suffering.

According to Linda Ressler, a social worker with Bridges Community Health Centre Fort Erie, there are other ways to cope with chronic pain besides medication.

"We are complex people and there is no one thing that solves pain management," Ressler said. "Medication also isn't the only thing we can do."

Ressler is offering an eight-week chronic pain management workshop every Tuesday beginning Jan. 27 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the organization's Garrison Road location in Fort Erie. The free program is open to the public.

A second eight-week chronic pain management workshop will be held at the organization's King Street location in Port Colborne beginning Jan. 28 from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

"When we are ill or in chronic pain, we can take control of our pain," Ressler said. "Sometimes it feels like we have limited choices when it comes to pain management but there are choices we can make to deal with our pain."

Meditating or doing yoga are a few examples of coping mechanisms people can use to manage their pain.

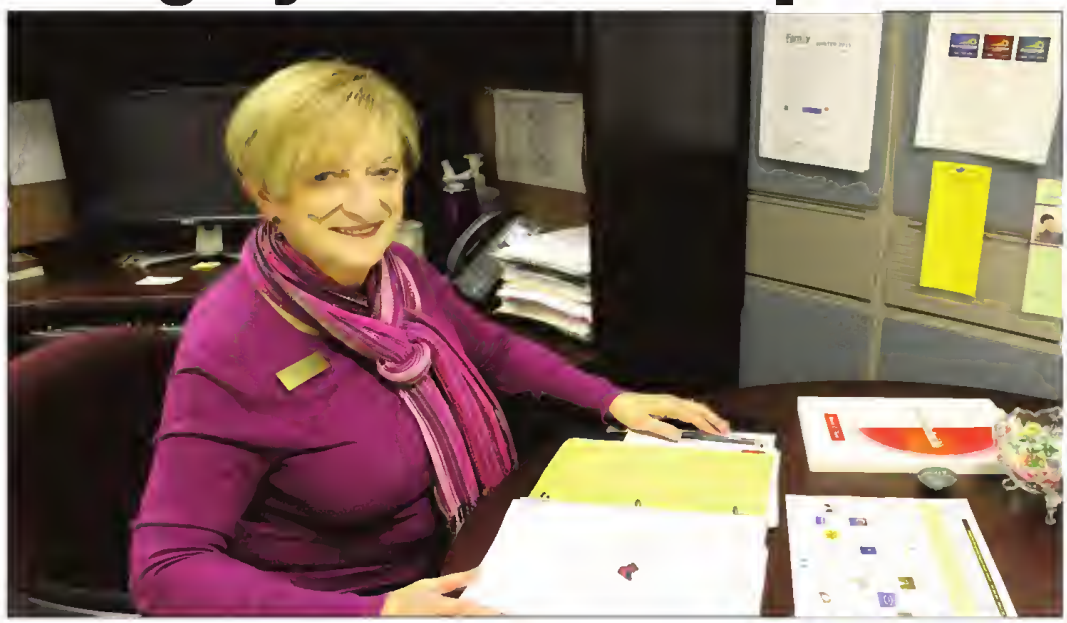
Who: Social worker Linda Ressler

What: Hosting an eight-week chronic pain management workshop. The program is free to the public but Fort Erie participants are asked to register by calling 905-871-7621 ext. 2225. Port Colborne participants are asked to call 289-479-5017 ext. 2421.

When: The workshop will be held every Tuesday in Fort Erie beginning Jan. 27 from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. The workshop concludes March 17.

Another workshop will be held in Port Colborne beginning Jan. 28 from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. The workshop concludes March 18.

Where: 1485 Garrison Rd., Fort Erie and 177 King St., Port Colborne.



SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

Social worker Linda Ressler is offering an eight-week workshop on how to manage chronic pain at Bridges Community Health Centre in Fort Erie.

"It might not completely solve the problem, but it may help medication to work more effectively," according to Ressler.

When Ressler leads the workshop, she likes to use a "toolbox approach" to help people manage chronic pain.

"You can't use a screwdriver to fix every job but if you have more tools in your toolbox then you will have the right tool for every situation."

The course will examine the role of the brain in chronic pain, sleep hygiene, how to manage obsessional thinking, healthy eating, how to reduce stress and other topics.

Not every coping mechanism will work for everyone but it's easier to management pain when there are more options to deal with it.

"The ultimate goal of this workshop is to give you enough tools and you'll be the one deciding which tool to use and when."

For the first time, chronic pain sufferers will be asked to invite family and friends to participate in the workshop on Feb. 24 at the Fort Erie workshop.

"This is something I haven't done before but I think it's important to invite family and friends," Ressler said. "Pain is an invisible condition and it's not always easy (for people who suffer from chronic pain). People feel like no one understands them."

Ressler encourages anyone who is struggling with managing their chronic pain to participate in the workshop.

"People can have an opportunity to talk about how they cope (with their pain) and the barriers that they face," Ressler said. "When people come to the workshop, they end up feeling like they've finally found a place where people get it (understand what it feels like to be in pain)." For more information about the chronic pain management workshop Fort Erie residents can call Ressler at 905-871-7621 ext. 2225. Port Colborne residents can call her at 289-479-5017 ext. 2421 or send an e-mail to her at linda.ressler@bridgeschc.ca.

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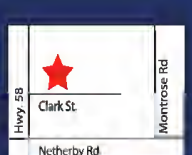

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January

In January, Niagara residents learned that Bay Beach, the 12-storey condominium project in Crystal Beach, would not move forward.

On Dec. 31, 2013, construction of the Bay Beach project was halted.

The Burlington-based developer didn't specify why it was backing out of the project but the decision came just weeks after Fort Erie council voted 4-3 to reject an extension to give them more time to sell condominium units.

Later that month, more than 40 people dipped into the icy waters of Lake Erie for the 5th annual Polar Bear Dip and Chili Challenge hosted by the Crystal Beach Business Improvement Association at the Bertie Boat Club.

February

The Crystal Beach ice caves in Crystal Beach drew thousands of people to the beach community.

Windstorms had built up the ice about 30 feet high.

The Canadian Union of Postal Workers Local 536 asked town councillors for their support in the fight for door-to-door mail delivery service.

Union president Jennifer Young addressed Fort Erie council about the issue and told them that Canada Post made the decision to end door-to-door service on Dec. 11, 2013.

Premier Kathleen Wynne announced full funding for the 2014 season at the Fort Erie Race Track.

Members of the Fort Erie Fire Department were called out Feb. 17 to rescue two horses that were stuck in a pond on College Rd. in Stevensville. One horse was able to be coaxed out of the fighter. Firefighters used a winch to pull the second horse from the pond.

March

Rumours swirled in March that the old pier in Crystal Beach was set for demolition but those rumours weren't true.

People walking along Crystal Beach couldn't help but stop to notice a small construction crew working on the old pier.

Brian Clewes, of the Crystal Beach Tennis and Yacht Club, said the yacht club had removed part of the pier for safety reasons.

Also in March, more than 15 photographers hung their photographs of the Crystal Beach ice caves on the walls of the Sanctuary Centre for the Arts. Although the ice caves had been demolished over safety concerns, Mother Nature's beautiful display lived on until the Sanctuary's ice caves exhibition ended on March 30.

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April

In April, regional manager Justin Allsopp announced Sherkston Shores would open a new Boston Pizza Franchise which was expected to operate May through to the end of October.

In that same month, Fort Erie council approved a last-minute decision to give $500,000 to ensure the Fort Erie Race Track had a 2014 racing season.

The decision was made with a 6-1 vote in favour of assisting the track following a closed session meeting.

The money was taken from the Town's reserve fund and used for the track's lease payment which was due at midnight.

An Accommodation Review Committee charged with the task of evaluating three elementary schools in Fort Erie held its final meeting in April.

The committee recommended consolidating Bertie, Ridgeway and Crystal Beach Public Schools into a new school build on Rebstock Road in Crystal Beach.

May

Fort Erie Mayor Doug Martin applauded a report by the Auditor General that claims the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation's "abrupt cancellation" of a program that gave the horse-racing industry a share of slot machine revenues at racetracks was done without proper consultation with stakeholders.

Fort Erie Secondary School held its annual FESS' Got Talent Show. The talent show, which has been growing in popularity, benefited two local charities. Proceeds from the show benefited Stars4Joshua and Breathe Deeply Alivia

June

In June, the Niagara Regional Police released a comprehensive study called Fatal Injury Collisions in Niagara.

The information was released in order to help police keep Niagara roads safer.

According to the report, men die more often on Niagara's roads and rural roads are the most deadly as rural roads accounted for 57% of the fatalities

The report also stated the youngest person to die in a collision over the course of the past 15 years was a six year-old.

The oldest person to die was 95.

Also in June, students at Stevensville Public School dressed in green to show their support for fellow classmate, Saffi Cote, an eight year-old with Spina Bifida.

Fort Erie residents watched as four candidates set out to win the Niagara Falls riding in the June 12 provincial election squared off in a debate held at the Fort Erie Race Track.

The candidates were Green Party representative Clarke Bitter, New Democratic Party Incumbent Wayne Gates, Progressive Conservative candidate Bart Maves and Liberal representative Lionel Tupman.

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July

Fort Erie residents attended the Fort Erie Friendship Festival which bas been a tradition in the community, providing entertainment to people across Niagara for more than 25 years.

Crystal Beach Amusement Park may have closed more than 20 years ago but the Crystal Beach was buzzing with activity in July as bundreds of people visited Queen's Circle to reminisce about the old park during its hey-day.

Local historians Paul Kassay and Rick Doan organized the event that featured old photographs, postcards, videos, ticket stubs, signs and pieces of the rides.

Fort Erie's Junior B team welcomed a new leader. Rob Hubbert was named the new coach of the Fort Erie Meteors. Hubbert came to the Meteors after having coacbed the Junior C Riverhawks.

August

A crowd gathered before the 79th running of the Prince of Wales Stakes, the second jewel in the Canadian Triple Crown whicb was held at the Fort Erie Race Track in August.

Newalta, a waste management company in Fort Erie was fined $79,950 for releasing a contaminant into the air from its Pettit Rd. facility. In addition to the fine, the Alberta-based company was also required to pay a victim fine surcharge for violating the Environmental Protection Act. Newalta had six months to pay the fine.

Jim Thibert, the general manager of the Fort Erie Live Racing Consortium, announced the Fort Erie Race Track was in the process of being sold to a Buffalo-based buyer, Mosey, Castle, Paladino and Kompson.

The Fort Erie Times moved from its Garrison Rd. location to 336 Central Ave, formerly Shirley Anne's Florist to better serve the community.

The Boys and Girls Club of Fort Erie celebrated the completion of its year-long renovation project with a ceremony recognizing the contributions from community stakeholders and partners.

War of 1812 veterans were bonoured during special services held at three different cemeteries in Fort Erie. This was a project worked on by members of the Heritage Arts Legacy of Fort Erie.

September

The Friends of Crystal Beach celebrated the end of the summer with an end-of-summer parade and mock burial of Old Man Summer.

Kinsmen Pool Fundraising Committee chairman Stephen Passero helped organize an open house to educate the public on the possibility of re-opening the Kinsmen Pool in time for next summer. Passero said he had been assisting the Fort Erie Underwater Recovery Unit to reach an agreement with the Town of Fort Erie that will see the municipality lease the pool to the non-profit organization.

The Ontario Ministry of Education announced it will make a $20.6 million investment in the youth in Fort Erie. The ministry announced a new high school that will accomodate up to 750 students will be built in the community and it is set to open in time for September 2017.

The Fort Erie Progressive Conservative Association of Women celebrated its 75th anniversary with a special celebration held at the Clarion Hotel.

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October

The District School Board of Niagara put out a call for help and asked the community to help name Fort Erie's future high school.

After submissions were collected, a committee was formed to help narrow down the choices and select a name.

Post Media Network Canada announced it had purchased the English-language operations of Quebecor including the Niagara Falls Review, St. Catharines Standard and Welland Tribune.

A family-owned dry cleaning business, Pike's Dry Cleaners, was gutted by fire in October.

Nine trucks and more than three dozen Fort Erie firefighters battled the intense blaze on Jarvis St. that was fueled by customers' clothing.

Fire Chief Larry Coplen estimated damages to be at $1 million.

Wayne Redekop was named as mayor of Fort Erie in the Oct. 27 municipal election and celebrated at a special event at the Italo-Canadian Club on Garrison Road.

November

The Red Ribbon Art Exhibition celebrated its 10th anniversary in November. Organizers decided to bold the two-day event at the Fort Erie Leisureplex instead of the Sanctuary Centre for the Arts in Ridgeway.

The new location allowed event organizers more space to feature more artists.

After Pike's Dry Cleaners was destroyed by a fire in October, the Jarvis Street business was demolished in November. Police continued to investigate the suspicious blaze.

About 16 horses on their way to Florida were turned around at the Peace Bridge when Old Man Winter made his first appearance of the season and put a stop to all truck drivers travelling into the U.S. Winter weather conditions affected parts of Western N.Y. which results in driving bans in many areas.

December

The District School Board of Niagara announced Greater Fort Erie Secondary School, the town's proposed future high school, would be built on 15 acres of land across the street from the Town of Fort Erie. The new high school is expected to open in September 2017.

To celebrate the holiday season, the Ridgeway Lions Club held its annual free turkey dinner meal at the Crystal Ridge Community Centre and invited the public for free food and fellowship.

John Fulton, better known as his alter ego Surfing Santa, celebrated his 30th anniversary as he dressed up as the jolly old man in the big red suit and set sail on Lake Erie. He paddle boarded from the water at Mather's Arch to the U.S. side and back in an effort to raise awareness for homelessness in Niagara.

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The Ridgeway Lions Club recently donated $600 to the Fort Erie Lions Club in support of the Air Cadet program. The funds will pay for the enrolment for those cadets living in Ridgeway and Crystal Beach. The Lions Club of Fort Erie has been the official sponsor of 337 Allan Troup Squadron Air Cadets in Fort Erie for the past 72 years, since the squadron's inception in 1943. From left are Fort Erie Lions Bob Marjerrison, Jayne Dodds, Charles McMillen, Al Chevalier and Wayne Mills. Presenting the cheque the Ridgeway Lions: Ken Dodds, Chuck Goodyear, Eddie Feiertag and Robbie Robinson.

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'People are telling us what a difference the mobile outreach is making'

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The kettle campaign is the organization's biggest fundraiser of the year. The Salvation Army relies on every penny it receives to assist families in need in Fort Erie.

Following the success of the fundraiser, Innes is excited about what 2015 will bring for the Salvation Army.

"We're poised like we've never been before thanks to the generosity of the community and community partners."

The number of volunteers for the organization's weekly mobile outreach program "continues to grow."

"There are many volunteers, especially from local churches that have stepped up and help with the program," Innes said.

"People are telling us what a difference the mobile outreach unit is making."

Innes is also grateful for a number of local businesses that support the Salvation Army's clients over the course of the year.

"We receive baked goods from Sobeys and pizza from Little Caesars every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. People line up for these items at 10:30 a.m. every morning. The average number that benefits from these free offerings is over 300 families."

"We couldn't do what we do if it wasn't for the support of our community partners."

In October, the Salvation Army was named as the Ontario Association of Food Bank's official food bank member for Greater Fort Erie. After the Salvation Army joined the OAFB, volunteers set a goal to collect 8,920 pounds of food between October and December. The community stepped in and donated "well beyond 10,000 pounds in less than three months" to reach that goal, Innes said.

The Salvation Army's community kitchen is expected to receive a much-needed face lift to allow the organization to offer more cooking and nutrition programs.

"We want to take the hardest hit groups, those people living on social assistance, low income earners and newcomers (to Canada) and help them figure out how to take the dollars they have and stretch them as far as possible," Innes said.

"This community kitchen will be the epitome of the saying 'Teach a person how to fish and they will eat for a lifetime.' This is what the community kitchen is all about."

In July, the United Way of Niagara Falls and Greater Fort Erie, with support from Bridges Community Health Centre and a number of local churches, donated $25,000 that will be used to update the Salvation Army's kitchen.

Innes estimated that the new kitchen will be completely renovated by 2016, but the organization needs to raise more funds before construction can begin.

"We need people to donate their services. We need architectural drawings, carpenters, licensed electricians and counter tops," Innes said.

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Anne Watters, a community and family service worker for the Fort Erie Salvation Army put away donations of pizzas that were distributed to the organization's clients on Monday morning.

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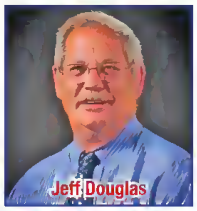

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Two women treated for minor injuries following crash

Two Fort Erie women were treated for minor injuries following a two-vehicle crash at the corner of Nigh and Burleigh Rds. in Ridgeway Friday.

Niagara Regional Police and Niagara Emergency Medical Services responded to a call for a two-vehicle crash at 12:55 p.m.

NRP Const. Phil Gavin said an 86 year-old woman was driving northbound on Burleigh Rd. when her car collided with another car operated by a 21 year-old woman travelling westbound on Nigh Rd.

"As a result of the collision, both women received minor injuries and were transported to local hospitals. The damages to both vehicles were moderate," Gavin said.

The investigation into the crash is on-going, Gavin added.

Missing: One RV

Police need the public's help in locating a large RV travel trailer stolen from rural Niagara Falls.

On Monday, police responded to a call on Rexinger Rd, where it was reported the trailer had been stolen sometime between Jan. 14 and Jan. 19.

It is described as a white and brown 33-foot-long 2013 Keystone Laredo 291TG.

A spare tire cover at the rear of the trailer reads Sicard RV. There is a foil security sticker on the entry door. There is no licence plate on the trailer.

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Reservist given opportunities 'most Canadians wouldn't have'

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

What began as a part-time opportunity grew into a lifelong passion for Major Alan Woolley.

Woolley, a regimental officer with the Lincoln and Welland Regiment has served in the Canadian Armed forces since 1974.

"What started out as a fun summer turned into a little more than that," Woolley said.

Although most reservists serve on a part-time basis, Woolley has found many opportunities to work full-time for the Canadian Armed forces.

Woolley visited the Fort Erie Golf Club on Jan. 10 to speak to members of the Fort Erie Rotary Club.

Woolley, who resides in Fort Erie, has done five operational tours across Africa and in Afghanistan, assisted in peacekeeping, disarmament and information operations and instructed a wide variety of military courses.

The reservist worked with the disarmament, demobilization and reintegration division while in the Democratic Republic of Congo, he helped rebuild the Sierra Leone army and prepared it for the withdrawal of United Nations troops and assisted in the training African union officers

In Afghanistan, Woolley was tasked to the International Security Assistance force as a mentor and worked with staff at the Afghan National Army Command and Staff College.

Working with the armed forces, Woolley has travelled all over the world and experienced many different cultures.

In the Democratic Republic of Congo, Woolley said he witnessed extreme poverty and hardship in major cities.

"I became convinced that there are no poor people in the Congo—not when you compare them to people in the Congo."

One of the biggest problems for the United Nations are child soldiers living in the Congo.

"It's also a major challenge for peacekeepers. A lot of these kids are on drugs and have not had a normal life in some time," Woolley said. "When dealing with these child soldiers, you have to treat them like adults until you can get them into a situation where they can be treated like children again."

Living in a country ravaged by war, Woolley said there is always tension in the air.

"When you're on a peacekeeping mission there can be a general air of hostility but sometimes you might not notice it until you come home and the pressure is off," Woolley said.

As a peacekeeper, Woolley said it was his job to ensure a country's army is properly trained and peace is kept while it's "up to the politicians to hammer out a solution" when there is unrest in a country.

In many countries, Woolley wasn't always able to purchase the items he needed.

"Many times when you go into a store, there is only one of each item in the store and once it is gone, it can be sold out for a month of even more."

It's when he can't have his favourite items, something as simple as red licorice, made Woolley long for home.

"That's why a care package from home is always welcomed," he laughed.

Over the years, Woolley said his wife, Colette, and daughter, Leah, were able to visit him while he served overseas.

"It (being a peacekeeper) allowed me to do things that most Canadians don't do," Woolley said.

"I was able to do the tourist thing with my wife and my daughter. We saw things we wouldn't have otherwise seen."

Woolley has seen tigers, lions and elephants up close and has taken in a number of sights including the pyramids in Egypt.

According to Woolley, many people don't realize the pyramids are surrounded by high rises from three sides.

"It's definitely an eye opening experience."

Woolley doesn't expect to slow down anytime soon. When he is not engaged in reserve duties, Woolley has a career as a military and training consultant. This week, he was deployed as a civilian on a special monitoring mission in Ukraine to help keep the peace between Ukraine and Russian officials.

"My job is to be the eyes and ears on the ground and try to keep both sides honest. It's like refereeing a hockey game and if an incident happens, I report on it."

SARAH FERGUSON
Fort Erie Times

Alan Woolley

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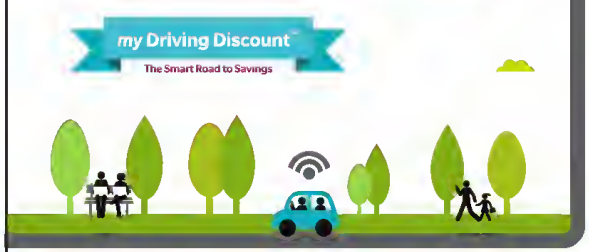

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As part of our commitment to ensuring our community has safe drinking water, our Community Lead Sampling Program will run again from January 15, 2015 through April 15, 2015.

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Lead pipe service connections have been used to deliver water to homes from the distribution pipes since the late 1800s. Older homes (generally those built before the mid-1950s) are more likely to have lead connections. Homes constructed prior to the mid to late 1980's may have their plumbing connected with lead base solder. When left sitting for a prolonged period (i.e. over six hours) lead can dissolve into drinking water from household piping made with these materials. In 1990, the amount of lead in solder that could be used in drinking water plumbing was substantially reduced.

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ATTENTION ALL MOTORISTS

Residents are reminded that **no overnight winter parking** is permitted in the Town of Fort Erie between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. from November 1 through March 31 of the following year. The Town's By-law Enforcement Officers will be enforcing Traffic By-law No. 2000-89. **The fine for this offence is $40.00 and in addition, your vehicle may be towed at your expense.**

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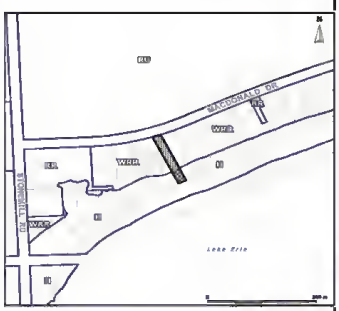
NOTICE OF PASSING OF A ZONING BY-LAW
Planning Act, 1990, c. P 13, ss.34(18), O.Reg. 545/06

APPLICANT: 2191 MACDONALD DRIVE INC. (HENRY GORINO, PRESIDENT)

OWNER: 2191 MACDONALD DRIVE INC **FILE #** 350309-0391



TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Town of Fort Erie passed **By-law No. 3 -15** on the 19th day of January, 2015 under section 34 of The Planning Act, 1990.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or agency may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect of the by-law by filing with the Clerk of the Town of Fort Erie not later than the **11th day of February, 2015,** a notice of the appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection. Any appeal must be accompanied by the Board's fee of $125.00. A certified cheque or money order in this amount made payable to the Minister of Finance must accompany the Notice of Appeal.

Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a zoning by-law to the Ontario Municipal Board. A Notice of Appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a Notice of Appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf. No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the by-law was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the council or, in the opinion of the Ontario Municipal Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

An explanation of the Purpose and Effect of the By-law, describing the lands to which the By-law applies may be found below and a key map showing the location of the lands to which the By-law applies is shown above. The complete By-law is available for inspection in the Clerk's office during regular office hours and can also be found on the **Town of Fort Erie Website:** www.forterie.on.ca.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

The purpose and effect of By-law 3-15 is to amend Town of Fort Erie Comprehensive Zoning By-law No. 129-90 by changing the zoning of lands shown on the location map above from "Waterfront Rural Residential (WRR)" Zone and "Hazard (H)" Zone to "Waterfront Rural Residential (WRR-512) Zone".

All of the provisions of By-law No. 129-90 as amended related to lands zoned "Waterfront Rural Residential (WRR) Zone", shall apply to those lands zoned "Waterfront Rural Residential (WRR-512) except that the minimum setback of the single detached dwelling from the 1:100 year flood elevation as determined by the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority shall be not less than 15.8 metres.

DATED AT THE TOWN OF FORT ERIE THIS 22nd DAY OF JANUARY, 2015

TOM MATHER, INTERIM TOWN CLERK

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Public Notice
Appointments to Boards and Committees

The Town is accepting applications from residents, business owners/operators or taxpayers interested in serving on the committees listed below where vacancies exist.

An Information Sheet about the boards and committees mandate and composition are available on the Town's website **www.forterie.on.ca** by clicking on "Town Hall" and "C" for Committees.

Appointments are for a four (4) year term commencing February 1st, 2015 and committee members act voluntarily. Meetings are usually once per month.

Accessibility Advisory Committee – One (1) Vacancy.

Communities-in-Bloom Committee – Two (2) Vacancies.

Crystal Beach Beautification Committee – Vacancies (Composition at will of Committee).

Fort Erie Cemetery Advisory Committee – Three (3) Vacancies.

Fort Erie Environmental Advisory Committee – Two (2) Vacancies.

Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee – Thirteen (13) Vacancies.

Senior Citizens Advisory Committee – Four (4) Vacancies.

Application forms are available on the Town's website ***www.forterie.on.ca*** and at Town Hall. The deadline for the Interim Clerk to receive applications is **Friday, February 6, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.**

This information is being collected pursuant to the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will be used to select persons for appointments to Town of Fort Erie boards and committees.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

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The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie is inviting proposals from qualified proponents for the purpose of leasing and operating a Sports Shop in the Town's Twin Rink Arena, (Leisureplex) at 3 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie, Ontario.

Sealed submission clearly addressed to Interim Town Clerk, Mr. Tom Mather will be received by the Customer Service UNIT (CSU) at 1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie ON until 2:00 p.m. local time on:

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 12th, 2015

The lowest of any submission not necessarily accepted.

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PROPOSED ADOPTION OF 2015 WATER AND WASTEWATER BUDGET

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Section 291 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* and Public Notice Policy By law No. 206-07, the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie intends to hold a public meeting and consider a by-law at its meeting of Monday, February 9, 2015 to adopt the 2015 Water and Wastewater Budget.

EXPLANATORY NOTE: The Town's proposed 2015 Water and Wastewater Budget includes gross billings of $16.5 million to Fort Erie water/wastewater customers. The customer billing rates for 2015 are based on estimated billings for treatment costs from the Region of Niagara of $9.1 million. The Region approved the treatment rates on January 8, 2015.

For more information please go to the Town's website at **www.forterie.on.ca** under the 2015 Budget banner. Further inquiries should be directed to Jonathan Janzen, Director of Financial Services at ext. 2300 **(jjanzen@forterie.on.ca)**.

PROPOSED 2015 WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES

GENERAL INFORMATION: That pursuant to Section 270 (1)(4) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie intends to pass a by-law at its meeting of Monday, February 9, 2015 to revise the water and wastewater rates associated with the distribution, collection and treatment of water and wastewater. The current and proposed rates to take effect with billings issued after February 1, 2015 are as follows:

	2015 Water	2014 Water	2015 Wastewater	2014 Wastewater	2015 Combined	2014 Combined
Base Charge	$24.52	$24.27	$40.25	$39.85	$64.77	$64.12
Consumption Rate (per cubic metre)	$1.192	$1.123	$1.261	$1.239	$2.453	$2.362

All water and wastewater related fees and charges as provided for under By-law No. 3-2014 are proposed to revise proportionately starting February 1, 2015 according to the table above including base rates for various meter sizes.

The total combined change per typical customer using 16 cubic metres per month is $2.10 or 2.06%.

DELEGATION: To appear before Council at the public meeting on Monday, February 9, 2015 any person wishing to speak to the proposed 2015 Water and Wastewater Budget and Rates must register with the Clerk's Office by calling 905-871-1600 ext. 2236 by 3:00 p.m. Thursday, February 5, 2015.

Dated at Fort Erie, Ontario this 19th day of January, 2015.

Tom Mather, Interim Town Clerk
tmather@forterie.on.ca

Jonathan Janzen, Director of Financial Services
jjanzen@forterie.on.ca

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Plato: Fort Erie saw a strong Anglican following in 1812

Earl Plato
When History Recalls

What are some of the thoughts about religion and the War of 1812?

This article reflects on the religious settings of the War of 1812.

There is little research available so I will share some of what I know and have found.

There were two main groups of Christians back then.

In Lower Canada (Quebec) it was predominately Roman Catholic, Here in Upper Canada (Ontario) it was the Anglican, Church of England.

In Niagara if you weren't Roman Catholic you were Anglican.

I know.

My Plato ancestors were of Palatine German descent.

They were of Lutheran background. No Lutheran preachers in Niagara in 1812.

My forebears Peter James and Catharine (Bowen) Plato in the early 1800s had their children baptized at St. Paul's Anglican Church in Fort Erie.

It's in the records. Almost everyone then was an Anglican.

No Baptists or other denominations back then.

An itinerant Anglican minister would arrive at a church in Niagara, "Bring your children for baptism," Families were large then.

Three Plato children were baptized at one time. Who knew when the Anglican minister would return.

Anglican Padre Mike Peterson's research said, "Only a handful of Anglican parishes dotted Upper Canada when hostilities between Great Britain and the U.S. commenced in 1812." Peterson said that the Anglican Church survived as best it could in Upper Canada as there was always short of trained clergy.

I thought about the soldiers stationed at Fort Erie.

Most of them were of British descent and thus probably of the Anglican faith.

Was there an Anglican chaplain at the fort? Yes. In a sense.

Here in Upper Canada only a bandful of army chaplains, all Anglicans, were available to support the military.

They included Rev. G. Stuart, Rev. John Srtrachn and in Niagara the Rev. Robert Addison.

Addison was present in Fort Erie, Bertie, and Willougby townships and Fort George. He met with the local families including loyalists such as Bowen, Miller, Plato and Wintemutes all of Bertie Township.

Peterson says, "Later (these chaplains) they would be joined by military chaplains from Great Britain. He added, " ... each chaplain was responsible for several hundred soldiers and their families."

Bibles were available to the common soldier who could read at his barrack.

Yes, God was present during the War but he needed more helpers.

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As time passed and the war ended an Anglican church was established in Fort Erie.

Earl Plato is a resident of Fort Erie and an author.

St. Paul's Anglican Church.

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Fighter sets sights on Ultimate Fighting Championship

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Bryan Agoston says he likes to fight.

Under the tutelage of Master Dave Dayboll of Dayboll Jiu-Jitsu in Port Colborne and Sensei Sam Pascuzzi of Dayboll-Pascuzzi Jiu-Jitsu in Fort Erie, Agoston trains five to six days a week in the art of Jiu-Jitsu.

When he's not splitting his time training at both gyms, Agoston does cardio workouts at home to stay in shape.

"I love the sport and I love the one-on-one competition," Agoston said. "When you get in the ring, you go in there and do what you can. The outcome is all on what you can do."

The 21-year-old Port Colborne resident, who captured the 145-pound title in the TNT Fight Series in December, has set his sights on becoming a professional MMA fighter.

"When I was about five, maybe eight years-old, I saw the UFC on television and I watched it," Agoston said. "From the first moment I watched it, I knew I wanted to be a fighter and that's when I decided to pursue a career in fighting."

With his title win in December, Agoston's record stands at 4-0.

Agoston began training in Jiu-Jitsu when he was seven years-old. Over the years, Agoston learned more than just proper technique.

"Jiu-Jitsu teaches you to become a bumbling person and how to treat your coaches with respect and honour," Pascuzzi says.

"I think most people who study the art carry themselves differently when they are in public. When a kid comes in the gym and begins training at a young age, it teaches bim confidence."

Agoston says he has the skills and the passion to become a professional fighter.

"I think it's 10% physical ability and 90% mental. When you're training so hard and you look at other guys out there, sometimes you can let them get the better of you in a match because you think you're not good enough or strong enough," Agoston said. "But I'm ready. I've had my coaches and my teammates support me during matches and I think it's important for fighters to have that."

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Valiant effort by Meteors falls a little short

Cathy McCabe
Special to The Times

A fantastic effort wasn't enough as the Fort Erie Meteors dropped a 1-0 decision to the league-leading Caledonia Corvairs Saturday night at the Fort Erie Leisureplex.

Liam Conway saved 23 of 24 shots on goal for the Meteors and Caledonia's Marc Sinclair made 16 saves to record the shutout. Caledonia's Luke Sinclair scored the only goal of the night early in the third period.

"I thought we were tenacious," Fort Erie head coach Rob Hubbert said. "I thought we outplayed Caledonia. With their firepower and we only lose 1-0, that was a 0-0 game.

"We made one mistake and (the puck) ended up in our net."

Hubbert felt his team was strong on the puck and took time and space away from the Corvairs.

"I thought we played a great game," Hubbert said.. "There's no complaints from me. Those guys played their guts out tonight. Six periods with no goal against, I don't know, that's pretty good hockey."

Caledonia spent 19 minutes in the penalty box on nine infractions and Fort Erie had 15 penalty minutes on seven infractions.

The game began with a moment of silence to remember Meteors' volunteer Carol Sims, who lost her battle with cancer on Jan. 14.

Her death was pretty tough on the Meteors, Hubbert said

"They were close to her, she was close to them. This game was for her. We were trying to get a win for her, but it's a win in our books. She was a volunteer for 25 years. I only met her this year. She was a great lady and everything was always about the Fort Erie Meteors."

The Meteors went on to defeat the Welland Junior Canadians 2-1 Sunday on the road.

Richard Demarco and Dakota Miskolczi each scored a single goal for the Meteors. while Max Cipriano picked up a point for Welland.

Mackenzie Savard recorded 28 saves for Fort Erie.

The Meteors served six minutes in penalty time.

Chris Janzen recorded 25 saves for Welland.

The Junior Canadians served 15 minutes in penalty time.

The St. Catharines Falcons will host the Fort Erie Meteors on Friday. The puck drops at 7 p.m.

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Welland Junior Canadians defender Jack Fitzgerald, right, checking Fort Erie Meteors forward Dakota Miskolczi behind the Welland net in junior B hockey action.

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Meteors host inaugural Wild Game Night

Annie Pasquariello
Special to The Times

"This is what happens in communities like this. People come together for things that matter," said former NHL player Rick Vaive at the first annual wild game dinner at the Leisureplex last Thursday night.

The event supported and raised money for the Fort Erie Jr. B Scholarship Fund. A portion of money raised will also support the Steve Ludzik Centre for Parkinson's Rehabilitation.

Meteors head coach Rob Hubbert came up with the idea of a wild game dinner and said everyone involved has been supportive and got behind the cause. More than 200 people were in attendance to try the menu which consisted of game meats such as pheasant, wild boar, venison and moose.

The focus on education was an important message as the scholarship fund will benefit members of the Junior B team.

Chuck McShane, CEO of Steve Ludzik Charity Events, wants to bring awareness to how important it is for youth to get an education.

"Hockey is fun, but education opens doors. It was easier when we were growing up, but now without an education you can't get anything," he says.

Vaive shared the sentiment when he was growing up education was not as important as it is in now.

"What this event does is support the junior team in Fort Erie so some of these boys can pursue education," Vaive says. "The team's initiative to raise money is commendable and speaks volumes about the organization here."

The Steve Ludzik Foundation is funded by Vaive, Ludzik and efforts by the community to raise money not only for Parkinson's, but also charities in the Niagara Region.

"In 2015, without an education it doesn't matter what we've done in our youth, it matters what we do in the end." McShane says.

ANNIE PASQUARIELLO Special to The Times

Chuck McShane, Rob Hubbert and Rick Vaive attended the first wild game dinner to support the Fort Erie Junior B. Scholarship Fund last Thursday at the Fort Erie Leisureplex.

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Rob Nicholson, M.P.

Annual General Meeting
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Refreshments will be available.

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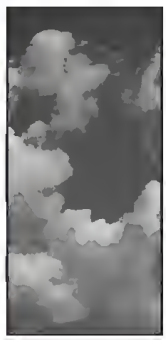

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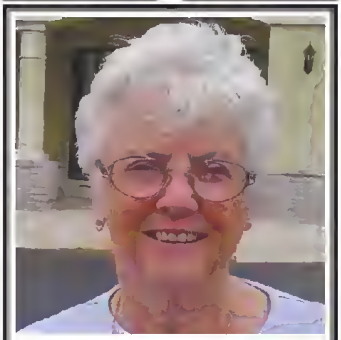

Happy 80th Birthday to
Joy Russell

In honor of Joy's special day, her Family is hosting a Birthday Tea, SUNDAY Jan 25.
You may know Joy for her Yellow Shirt and service to the community, or for her participation in Veteran's activities, her many years of working at the Port Colborne Hospital, may have grown up with her, or just know her es a friend.

Please come and share your best wishes with her at All Saint's Anglican Church, 149 South Mill, Ridgeway, downstairs, between 1pm and 3pm.

Birthdays

Tony Peltzer

Happy 90th Birthday

Love Fran and Paul, Judy and John and Roger and great grandaughter Lena

Coming Events

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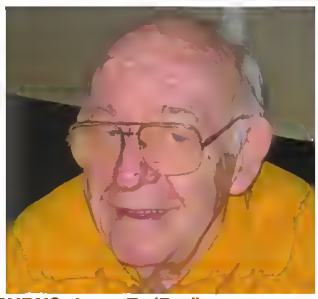

BURNS, Lorn E. (Bud) - Passed away peacefully on Friday, January 16, 2015, at the Greater Niagara General Hospital, at the age of 85. Beloved husband of Margaret for 85 years. Loving father of the late Gregory Burns (1987). Fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews and friends. Predeceased by his parents Harvey and Pearl Burns, brother; Lowell end sisters; Dorothy, Doris and Jeen. Bud worked for the Niagara Parks Commission for 26 years. Private family arrangements. Memories, photos and condolences can be shared at www.morseandson.com

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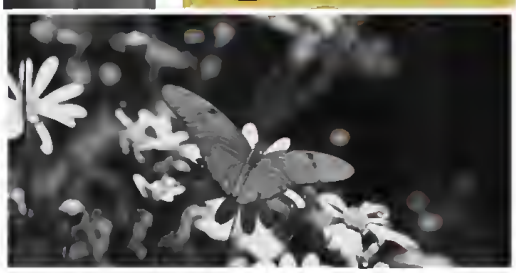

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MATTHEWS, Patricia Ann - passed away peacefully at Gilmore Lodge, Fort Erie on Tuesday January 13, 2015 at the age of 84 yeers. Survived by her daughter Dianna Fretz (James), grandchildren Stacey Fretz (Craig), James Fretz (Krista), Richie Matthews, Shawn Matthews, great grandchildren Samantha, Victoria, Carrera, sister Donne Banner, brothers Donny Hall and Jerry Hall. Aunty Pat to many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her husband Harold (Bud) Matthews (1993). Sons William Leonard (1966), Richard Normen (2010), sisters Betty Vilon and Mildred Steeves, brothers William Hall and Robert Hall. Patricia enjoyed spending time outside at Gilmore Lodge greeting all the staff and visitors. Arrangements entrusted to the **DAVIDSON FUNERAL HOME** 135 Clarence St. Port Colborne. Cremation has teken piece. A private family interment will be held at a later date in Greenwood Cemetery, Fort Erie. If so desired, memorial donations may be made to the Canadian Diabetes Association. Online condolences end guest register available at www.davidsonfuneralhome.com

Obituaries

REDDICK, Theodora Theresa (nee Warner) - August 22, 1917-January 15, 2015 - Theo passed away suddenly on Thursday, January 15, 2015 at Greater Niagara General Hospital in Niagara Falls. Dear wife for 70 years of the late William Reddick (February 3, 2012). Loving mother of Susan Salzer and Mary Ellen Reddick of Fort Erie. Theo was the proud grandmother of Johanna Dockman of Whitby, Michele Staples of Welland and Semantha Gillam residing in Biloxi, Mississippi. She was great-grandmothe to Alyssa, Matthew and Graeme Staples of Welland, and Madison and Ellie Gillam of Biloxi, Mississippi. Theo happily resided for three years at Garrison Place. A private family service to celebrate her life was held at **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES** on Monday, January 19th at 3pm. The care and attention of Dr. Che will always be appreciated.

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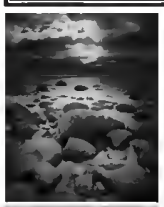
Alyssa, Lexis and Brooke



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Donald George Rivet
1951-2011

It broke our hearts to lose you,
But you did not go alone,
For part of us went with you,
The day God called you home.

Forever loved by brothers Bob & Brian Rivet, sister Julie Rivet, Mom and Bill

Gord van der Grinten

In loving memory of a dear husband, father, grandfather, who passed away 1 year ago, January 27, 2014

Always a silent hurt,
Many a silent tear,
But always a beautiful memory,
Of one we loved so dear.

Always loved and missed,
Pauline and Family

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In Memory of our Mother
SALLY KOWALSKI
January 26, 2011

Missed still, every single day...
Linda, Terry, Kathy & Karen

In Loving Memory of my Wife
SALLY KOWALSKI
January 26, 2011

Although four years apart,
You're forever in my heart.
Your Loving Husband,
Fred

KY OAKLEY
In memory of a dear father
who passed away January 15, 1989

They say there is a reason,
They say that time will heal,
But neither time nor reason,
Will change the way we feel.
We want to tell you something,
So there won't be any doubt,
To us who dearly loved you,
You are so hard to live without.

Lovingly remembered by
Roy, Sandy & Ken.

Maynard "Hook" Martin
In memory of a loving husband and father
who passed away January 20, 2004.
Fond are the ties that are broken,
Dear is the one that is gone,
In memory we shall keep him
As long as the years roll on.
As we loved him, so we miss him,
In our memory he is dear
Loved, remembered, longed for always,
Bringing many a silent tear.
"In silence we remember."
Love always, Eleanor and Family

Margaret "Sue" Kingsley
In loving memory of a dear mother,
who passed away January 26th, 2014

In our hearts your memory lingers,
Sweetly tender, fond and true,
There is not a day, dear mother,
That we do not think of you.

Sadly missed by your children,
grandchildren & great grandchildren.

Windsoretta McMillan
05.12.37 - 01.22.10
God holds you in His arms
...we hold you in our hearts.
Even 5 years can never take away the warmth of your love, the endless and precious memories of your life well-lived and unconditionally shared with others.
Your spirit is always alive in our hearts and minds O.D.A.A.T.

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Psst . . . did you hear. . . .

Rumours are swirling. And although both companies are denying it, an anonymous source who spoke to Reuters claims that Samsung has offered to buy BlackBerry – for as much as $7.5 billion. If so, what would Samsung be getting out of the deal? We compare two companies:

BlackBerry

Current phones:

BlackBerry:
Passport (right)
Classic
Z30
Z10
Q10
Q5
Bold 9790
Curve 9320

Porsche Design:
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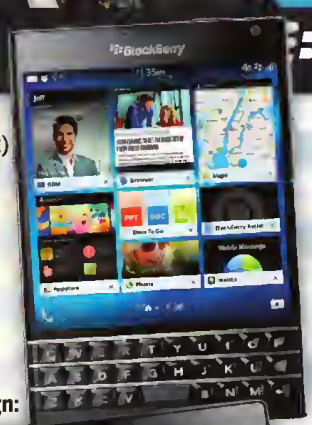


Current CEO: John Chen (above)

Founder: Mike Lazaridis

Founded: 1984 (as Research in Motion)

Headquarters: Waterloo, Ont.

Products: BlackBerry, BlackBerry Enterprise Server, BlackBerry Internet Service, QNX, Ripple Emulator

Employees: 7,000 *(2014)*

Total equity: **US$9.5 B** *(2013)*

SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS

Current CEO: Jong-Kyun Shin (above)

Parent: Samsung Group (founded by Lee Byun-Chul in 1938)

Founded: 1969 (as Samsung Electric Industries)

Headquarters: Suwon, South Korea

Products: LCD/LED panels, phones, semiconductors, TVs, printers, computers, cameras, camcorders, storage, MP3 players

Employees: 326,000 *(2014)*

Total equity: **US$139 B** *(2013)*

Current smartphones:

GS5 Active
GALAXY:
Core
ALPHA
S5 (left)
Note 3
SIII Mini
S4 Mini
Ace II e
S4
Note II
Rugby LTE
S III

Biggest flops

BlackBerry Playbook (2011)
By the third quarter of 2012, only 150,000 units were sold, resulting in a $485 million charge for unsold inventory.

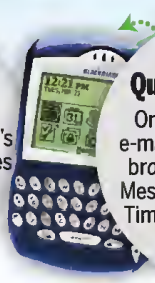
BlackBerry Z10 (2013)
Hyped as the company's saviour, it only managed to sell 2.7 million units, costing them $1 billion in writeoffs later that year.

Galaxy Gear (2013)
The smartwatch only worked with the Note 3 and did little other than send notifications. Only about 50,000 were sold that fall.

Galaxy S5 (2014)
Poor sales caused Samsung's mobile division earnings to fall almost 74% in the third quarter of 2014.

Successes

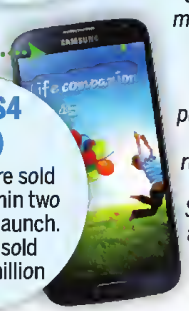
BlackBerry Pearl (2006)
One of BlackBerry's best-selling devices (about 15 million units).



BlackBerry Quark 6210 (2003)
One of the first to have e-mail, phone, SMS, a web browser and BlackBerry Messenger, it was listed in Time Magazine's All-time top 100 Gadgets in 2010.

Galaxy Note (2011)
Sold 10 million in 2012, making it one of the most successful smartphone launches in history.

Galaxy S4 (2013)
20 million were sold worldwide within two months of its launch. It has since sold around 80 million units.



Did you know?

BlackBerry owns the QNX software platform, the predominant software used in modern car infotainment and navigation units (Apple's CarPlay and Ford's Sync 3 will be using it).

Did you know?

In 2005, Apple began using Samsung memory in iPods. By 2012, Apple's purchases were rumoured to make Samsung about $8 billion in revenue.

Sources: Wire stories; Reuters; Samsung; BlackBerry; theverge.com; blog.laptopmag.com; CNET

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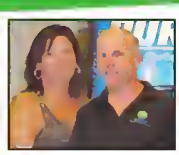

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(905) 835-9752

Steele Street Public School
214 Steele Street, Port Colborne
(905) 834-4333

ST. CATHARINES

Alexandra Public School
*students will attend Harriet Tubman Public School
84 Henry Street, St. Catharines
(905) 685-5489
YMCA Child Care On-site
(905) 684-5951

Applewood Public School
130 Woodrow Street, St. Catharines
(905) 684-4359

Burleigh Hill Public School
1S Burleigh Hill Drive, St. Catharines
(905) 227-6641

Carleton Public School
1 Carlton Park Dr., St. Catharines
(905) 934-5243
YMCA Child Care On-site
(905) 937-6621

Connaught Public School
28 Prince Street, St. Catharines
(905) 682-6609
A Child's World
Child Care On-site
(905) 682-3834

E.I. McCulley Public School
16 Berkley Drive, St. Catharines
(905) 934-7344

Edith Cavell Public School
1 Monck Street, St. Catharines
(905) 684-6545
Western Hill Day Care
On-site
(905) 684-6288

Ferndale Public School
35 Ferndale Avenue, St. Catharines
(905) 684-1101
A Child's World
Child Care On-site
(905) 682-7999

Glen Ridge Public School
101 South Drive, St. Catharines
(905) 685-9586
YMCA Child Care On-site
(905) 684-4770

Gracefield Public School
117 Bayview Drive, St. Catharines
(905) 934-1411
YMCA Child Care On-site
(905) 646-9622

Grapeview Public School
106 First Street Louth, St. Catharines
(905) 984-5517
YMCA Child Care On-site
(905) 682-9455

Lincoln Centennial Public School
34B Scott Street, St. Catharines
(905) 937-5110
Bunting Child Care On-site
(905) 937-0170

Lockview Public School
S0S Bunting Road, St. Catharines
(905) 934-3331
YMCA Child Care On-site
(905) 935-8427

Maywood Public School
*Open house at Alexandra Public School - students will attend Harriet Tubman Public School
140 Haig Street, St. Catharines
(905) 685-8451

Memorial Public School
*Open house at Alexandra Public School - students will attend Harriet Tubman Public School
17 Welland Avenue, St. Catharines
(905) 685-7347

Oakridge Public School
1 Marsdale Avenue, St. Catharines
(905) 684-6589
YMCA Child Care On-site
(905) 685-6105

Parnall Public School
S07 Geneva Street, St. Catharines
(905) 934-3348
YMCA Child Care On-site
(905) 937-5260

Pine Grove Public School
690 Lake Street, St. Catharines
(905) 935-1901
YMCA Child Care On-site
(905) 934-9091

Port Weller Public School
273 Parnell Road, St. Catharines
(905) 934-3322
YMCA Child Care On-site
(905) 937-0312

Power Glen Public School
34 Westland Street, St. Catharines
(905) 684-7429
YMCA Child Care On-site
(905) 984-3344

Prince of Wales Public School
95 Facer Street, St. Catharines
(905) 937-2225
Boys and Girls Club Kids
First Child Care On-site
(905) 937-1072

Prince Philip Public School
600 Vine Street, St. Catharines
(905) 934-2525
YMCA Child Care On-site
(905) 935-9973

Westdale Public School
130 Rykert Street, St. Catharines
(905) 682-9284
YMCA Child Care On-site
(905) 397-9095

William Hamilton Merritt Public School
114 Linwell Road, St. Catharines
(905) 937-0510
YMCA Child Care On-site
(905) 934-9047

Woodland Public School
1S11 7th Street Louth, St. Catharines
(905) 685-1331
A Child's World
Child Care On-site
(905) 359-2385

THOROLD

Ontario Public School
SS0 Allanburg Road, Thorold
(905) 227-2851

Prince of Wales Public School
40 Pine Street, Thorold
905-227-1321
YMCA Child Care
After School Program

Richmond Street Public School
1S3 Richmond Street, Thorold
(905) 227-2971
Thorold Community Activities Group After School Care*
*supervised walk to location
(905) 227-0545

Westmount Public School
73 Ann Street West, Thorold
(905) 227-3827
YMCA Child Care*
*supervised walk to location
(905) 680-7164

WAINFLEET

William E. Brown Public School
31B70 Lee Street, Wainfleet
(905) 899-3471

Winger Public School
53220 Winger Road, Wainfleet
(905) 899-3821

WELLAND

Diamond Trail Public School
315 Southworth Street, Welland
(905) 734-3208

Fitch Street Public School
164 Fitch Street, Welland
(905) 732-3683

Glendale Public School
24 Farnham Avenue, Welland
(905) 735-5213
YMCA Child Care On-site
(905) 734-1209

Gordon Public School
468 Thorold Rd. W., Welland
(905) 734-3730

Plymouth Public School
111 First Street, Welland
(905) 732-4110
A Child's World
*supervised walk to location
(905) 735-8312

Princess Elizabeth Public School
330 Scholfield Avenue, Welland
(905) 734-3460

Quaker Road Public School
333 Quaker Road, Welland
(905) 732-5412
Strive Niagara
Child Care On-site
(905) 735-1465

Ross Public School
358 Niagara Street, Welland
(905) 734-4273
A Child's World
Child Care On-site
(905) 735-1162

WEST LINCOLN

Caistor Central Public School
1794 Regional Rd. 6, Caistor Centre
(905) 957-7473

College Street Public School
132 College St., Smithville
(905) 957-7024
YMCA Child Care On-site
(905) 956-0995

Gainsborough Public School
5459 Highway 20 RR #2, St Anns
(905) 386-6223

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LET'S PLAY!

Play is serious business for children!

Young children are always on the go. Whether it's running, climbing, dressing up, taking things apart or putting them back together again, they seldom sit still. While this sometimes chaotic activity may seem like "just play," it's anything but. The reality is there's much more happening beneath the surface.

What they're doing	What they're learning
Puzzles	Problem solving, concentration
Playing with blocks	Shapes, recognizing differences, logic
Playing dress up	Self expression, creativity, imagination
Running, jumping, skipping	How the body works, strength and flexibility
Games with friends	Social skills, taking turns and sharing
Singing and dancing	Listening, rhythm and coordination
Sand and water play	Solids, liquids, measurement

Play helps stimulate children's intellectual growth. By engaging in different kinds of play, children learn how to reason, hypothesize, and interact with one another. DSBN Kindergarten programs pair that with academic learning, such as numbers and letters, to help children build a powerful foundation for a successful school career. Best of all? They'll have fun doing it!

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